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Docket No.: W1878.0172/P172

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of:
Hisashi Tanaka et al.

Application No.: 09/903,895

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Art Unit: 2179

For: PAGE DISPLAY METHOD FOR
SELECTING AND DISPLAYING PAGE
DEPENDING ON CUSTOMER LEVEL OF
USER

Examiner: W. D. Hutton

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

U.S. Patent and Trademark Office
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Crystal Plaza Two, Lobby, Room 1B03
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed October 27, 2004 (Paper No. 10262004).

The Examiner has required restriction between:

Group I: Claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21, drawn to a method for displaying a web page that automatically determines a customer level for the requester of said web page and displays a corresponding version of said web page, classified in class 715, subclass 511; and

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Group II: Claims 4-6, 10-12, 16-18, and 22-24, drawn to a method for displaying a web page that allows a user to change the configuration of said web page, classified in class 715, subclass 517.

Applicants hereby provisionally elect, the Group I claims, claims 1-3, 7-9, 13-15, and 19-21, for continued examination. Applicants reserve the right to file a divisional application directed to the subject matter of the non-elected claims

If the Examiner believes an interview would be of assistance, the Examiner is welcome to contact the undersigned at the number listed below. Consideration and allowance of the application is respectfully solicited.

Dated: November 24, 2004

Respectfully submitted,

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